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The role of skin color and features in the black community: Implications for black women and therapy

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Abstract

Skin color, facial features, and hair play a significant albeit quiet role in the lives of Black Americans. For many Black Americans, central feelings related to perceived self-worth, intelligence, success, and attractiveness are determined by such factors as the lightness of their skin, the broadness of their nose, the thickness of their lips, and the kinkiness of their hair. Although these characteristics affect both men and women, psychologically these effects appear to be stronger for females who, regardless of race, have had to concern themselves more with appearance. This article provides a historical account of the role skin color, facial features, and hair have played in Black America. Special attention is given to the effect these issues have had on Black females. Pertinent research is reviewed and the implications for therapy with Black women is discussed.



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Because of the taboo nature of this topic within the Black community and the fact that it has rarely been included in traditional psychology, the reader will find several nonrefereed journals cited as references.

This paper is based in part on the first author's doctoral dissertation under the direction of the second author.

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